DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Evaluation of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Autism CARES Act Initiative

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR must be received no later than December 23, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14N–39, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443–1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Evaluation of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Autism CARES Act Initiative.

OMB No. 0915–0335—Revision

Abstract: In response to the growing need for research and resources devoted to autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities (DD), the U.S. Congress passed the Combating Autism Act (CAA) in 2006; reauthorized under the Autism CARES (Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support) Act of 2014 (H.R. 4631; Pub L. 113–157). Through Autism CARES, HRSA is tasked with increasing awareness of ASD and other DD, reducing barriers to screening and diagnosis, promoting evidence-based interventions, and training health care professionals in the use of valid and reliable diagnostic tools.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The purpose of this information collection is to design and implement an evaluation to assess the effectiveness of MCHB's activities in meeting the goals and objectives of the Autism CARES Act. This ICR is a revision to an existing package; this study is the third evaluation of MCHB's Autism CARES activities and employs similar data collection methodologies to the prior studies. Grantee interviews remain the primary form of data collection, but the research team has made minor adjustments to the data collection processes in order to reduce burden on respondents. Changes include adjusting the interview protocols to improve flow and clarify questions and planning for more than one respondent to attend interviews in instances where the principal investigator requests support.

Likely Respondents: Grantees funded by HRSA under the Autism CARES Act will be the respondents for this data collection activity. The grantees are from these MCHB programs: Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Training Program; Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP) Training Program; State Implementation Program; State Innovation in Care Integration Program; Research Network Program; Research Program; Interdisciplinary Technical Assistance Center (ITAC); and the State Public Health Autism Center (SPHARC) Resource Center.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Grant program/form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total hour burden
LEND Interview Protocol	43	2	86	1	86
DBP Interview Protocol	10	2	20	1	20
State Implementation Program Interview Protocol	9	2	18	1	18
State Innovation in Care Integration State Grantees	4	1	4	1	4
Research Network Interview Protocol	5	2	10	1	10
Research Program R40 Interview Protocol	10	1	10	1.5	15
Research Network Questionnaire	5	1	5	1	5
Resource Center: ITAC Interview Protocol	1	2	2	1	2
Resource Center: SPHARC Interview Protocol	1	2	2	1	2
Total	88	.....	157	.....	162

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information

technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Amy McNulty,

Deputy Director, Division of the Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability (ACBTSA) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place Monday November 28, 2016, from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and Tuesday November 29, 2016, from 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Veterans' Health Administration National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, 1st floor Conference Center, Crystal City, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Berger, Designated Federal Officer for the ACBTSA, Senior Advisor for Blood and Tissue Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street SW., Suite L100, Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202)-795–7697; Fax: (202)-691–2102; Email: *ACBTSA@hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACBTSA provides advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health. The Committee advises on a range of policy issues to include: (1) Identification of public health issues through surveillance of blood and tissue safety issues with national biovigilance data tools; (2) identification of public health issues that affect availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (3) broad public health, ethical, and legal issues related to the safety of blood, blood products, and tissues; (4) the impact of various economic factors (*e.g.,* product cost and supply) on safety and availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (5) risk communications related to blood transfusion and tissue transplantation; and (6) identification of infectious disease transmission issues for blood, organs, blood stem cells and tissues. The Committee has met regularly since its establishment in 1997.

In December 2013, the Committee made recommendations regarding the blood system. At that time, the Committee expressed concern about the ongoing reductions in blood use, the number of large scale consolidations occurring, the cost recovery issues for blood centers, and the potential effects on safety and innovation due to instability. In November 2015, the Committee made recommendations again, reaffirming the December 2013 recommendations, highlighting the worsening conditions, and suggesting potential initiatives to address the issues in the blood system. Past recommendations made by the ACBTSA may be viewed at *http://www.hhs.gov/ohaidp/initiatives/blood-tissue-safety/advisory-committee/index.html.*

The Committee will meet on November 28–29, 2016 to hear the findings from the HHS sponsored RAND study, ''Toward a Sustainable Blood Supply in the United States: An Analysis of the Current System and Alternatives for the Future.'' The ACBTSA Subcommittee on Blood System Sustainability will present their response to the study, and the full Committee will discuss and develop appropriate recommendations for HHS consideration. Additional topics that are pertinent to the mission of the Committee may be added to the agenda.

The public will have an opportunity to present their views to the Committee during public comment sessions scheduled for both days of the meeting. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker and must be pertinent to the discussion. Pre-registration is required for participation in the public comment session. Any member of the public who would like to participate in this session is required to submit their name, email, and comment summary prior to close of business on November 17, 2016. If it is not possible to provide 30 copies of the material to be distributed at the meeting, then individuals are requested to provide a minimum of one (1) copy of the document(s) to be distributed prior to the close of business on November 17, 2016. It is also requested that any member of the public who wishes to provide comments to the Committee utilizing electronic data projection submit the necessary material to the Designated Federal Officer prior to the close of business on November 17, 2016.

Dated: October 18, 2016.

James J. Berger,

Senior Advisor for Blood and Tissue Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Health Services Organization and Delivery.

Date: November 3, 2016.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Peter J Kozel, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3139, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1116, *kozelp@mail.nih.gov.*

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR 14–260: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention among Native American Populations.

Date: November 4, 2016.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Martha L Hare, RN, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3154, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451–8504, *harem@mail.nih.gov.*

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing